

CHAPTER 148

CORRECTIONS

HOUSE BILL 04-1074

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also SENATOR(S) Gordon, Groff, Hanna, Keller, Sandoval, Tapia, Veiga, and Windels.

AN ACT

CONCERNING A DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS REENTRY PROGRAM.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Title 17, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW ARTICLE to read:

ARTICLE 33
Reentry Program

17-33-101. Colorado reentry program. (1) THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS SHALL ADMINISTER APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS FOR OFFENDERS PRIOR TO AND AFTER RELEASE TO ASSIST OFFENDERS WITH REENTRY INTO SOCIETY BASED UPON THE ASSESSED NEED AS DETERMINED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, AND SUITABILITY OF INDIVIDUAL OFFENDERS FOR SUCH SERVICES. THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS SHALL ADMINISTER THE REENTRY PROGRAMS IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DIVISION OF ADULT PAROLE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND THE YOUTHFUL OFFENDER SYSTEM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS SHALL DESIGN THE REENTRY PROGRAM TO REDUCE THE POSSIBILITY OF THE OFFENDER RETURNING TO PRISON, TO ASSIST THE OFFENDER IN REHABILITATION, AND TO PROVIDE THE OFFENDER WITH LIFE MANAGEMENT SKILLS THAT ALLOW HIM OR HER TO FUNCTION SUCCESSFULLY IN SOCIETY.

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

SECTION 2. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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